THE AGREEMENTS MADE BETWEEN HIS MAIESTY AND THE KNIGHTS, GENTLEMEN, Free-Holders, and Inhabitants of the County of OXFORD, for the better Provision and Ordering of His MAJESTIES Army.

AND

A DECLARATION

Of His MAJESTIES gratious *Acceptation thereof*;

AND

His Royall Proclamation commanding the due observation *thereof in all Parts.*

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THE AGREEMENTS MADE BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY, and the Knights, Gentlemen, Freeholders, and *Inhabitants of the County of* OXFORD, &c.

WHereas the Knights, Gentlemen, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of this County of OXFORD, have made an Agreement with His Majesties Commissioners on His Majesties behalfe, for or towards the provision of His Majesties Army, quartered in these parts, in manner following.

First, It is agreed, that there shall be a Loane to His Majesty of 1400l the Week, during the space of a Moneth, to beginne from the Twentieth day of this present *September*, to be levyed and rated upon the Lands, Rents, Annuities, Parsonages, and Tithes, and personall Estates of the Inhabitants of the whole County,

ty in such manner, and according to such Proportions, as by the ancient and usuall course of the severall parts of the County, Rates layd upon the County have been rated and levied.

That the one halfe of the said 1400l by the Week shall be payd in Mony, and the other halfe in provisions of such sorts as the Souldiers shall desire at the Rates hereunder written, that is to say,

Oates to be rated at 18d the Bushell.
Beanes and Pease at 2s the Bushell.
Barley at 2s 3d the Bushell.
Barley Malt at 2s 6d the Bushell.
Wheat at 4s the Bushell.
Hay at 4d the Tod.
Straw at 5s the Load. And so after those rates for a greater and lesser quantity: But it to be alwaies at the election of the parties paying, to pay the whole Rate in mony, if they so please.

That if any losse or dammage shall happen to any of the Inhabitants either in their Horses or other Cattell, or in any of their provisions or other goods by any of the Kings Souldiers, that such losse or dammage shall be repayed and recompenced to the party suffering out of the said weekly Loane.

That all the provisions to be delivered according to this Agreement, shall be delivered at the Townes of *Woodstock* and *Bensington*, for the severall sides of the County respectively, or at such other places as shall be mutually agreed upon, and the delivery to be on the *Tuesday* and *Wednesday* in every Week, to the hands of the Collectors or Commissaries to be to that purpose appoyn-

appoynted, who ſhall then alſo receive the mony to be paid according to this Agreement, and Books ſhall be kept wherein ſhall be ſet what ſhall be paid in Mony, and what and how much in Proviſions, and from whom, and by whom the ſame is paid, that ſo the defaulters may alſo appeare, and be proceeded againſt accordingly for ſuch their default.

That the Defulcations or Reparations to be made to any according to this Agreement ſhall be held good, and allowed of whenſoever it ſhall be ſet downe and allowed under the hands of any three of the Commiſſioners named in the Commiſſion for ſetling of this Contribution. And if the Loſſe or Dammage amount to more then the party damnified in his own particular ſhould pay for that week, then the Reparation to be made up and repayed to the party grieved by the High Conſtable or Collector of that part of the County, upon warrant under the hands of any three of the ſaid Commiſſioners allowing the ſame as aforeſaid.

That no manner of free-quarter or billetting ſhall be taken by or for any Horſe or Foot Souldiers, nor any Taxe, Charge, or Impoſition whatſoever ſhall be laid upon or required from any Inhabitant of this County without preſent payment for the ſame in mony, except only for Houſe-roome according to the quality of the Perſon Billited, and of the Perſon in whoſe Houſe he is ſo Billited, and except for Fire & Candle, ſuch as the Maſter, Miſtriſſe, or Dame of the Family uſe for themſelves and their own Family.

That no Women or Children following the Army, be admitted from henceforth, to have Houſe-roome,

unleſſe it be by conſent, and by Compoſition with the owner of the Houſe for the ſame.

That the high Conſtables in every Hundred reſpectively be the immediate Collectors both of the Moneyes and Proviſions from the Inhabitants, paying the ſame; and they to pay the ſame over to the high Sheriffe of the County, or ſuch as he ſhall appoint, at the times and places before mentioned, and they to pay or deliver the ſame to ſuch Officers of the Army as ſhall be appointed to receive and diſtribute the ſame unto and amongſt the Souldiers.

That theſe Agreements be ſetled by order of the Councell of Warre, and entred with the Secretary of that Councell, to the end that all Commanders, Officers, and Souldiers, may take knowledge of and obſerve the ſame.

And it is further deſired by the Countries, and on their behalfe, that the Kings Majeſty being firſt made acquainted herewith and approving thereof, that the Lords & others His Majeſties Commiſſioners, would by their Order, as much as in them lyeth, confirme the ſame, and give life to the due execution thereof, & that His Majeſty by His Royall Proclamation will be pleaſed to Command the due Execution and obſervation thereof, in all the parts thereof. And His Majeſty having peruſed theſe Agreements, and declared his Gratious Approbation thereof, now according to the Requeſt made on the behalfe of the Country, The Lords and other His Majeſties Commiſſioners doe order, That they will be ready to give their beſt aſſiſtance, that theſe Agreements ſhall be duely obſerved; that they will

will constantly meet in the Audite-house, thereto receive the complaints of the Country, if there shall be cause, and as there shall be cause to recommend the Redresse of what shall be amisse in any part, either to the Kings Majesty, or to the Councell of Warre, if the Lords themselves shall not have the meanes otherwise to redresse the same.

And they doe further order, That they will humbly move His Majesty, that by His Command these Agreements be Printed and published, and by His Royall Proclamation be commanded to be put in due Execution. All which His Majesty doth very well approve of, and doth Command it to be Printed and published, to the end that notice being generally taken thereof, all Persons of all qualities, whom it doth or may concerne, may apply themselves to the performance thereof.

And further, His Majesty being desirous that so good a worke may not perish in the Execution, which is the life of all good actions, doth by this His Royall Proclamation declare, That as he doubteth not, but that the Inhabitants of this County will on their parts observe the same, and will continue it, as long as the necessity shall continue, which His Majesty will, by all possible meanes he can, endeavour to shorten and ease, so He doth strictly Charge and Command, That on the part of the Souldiers the same be duely observed; And that if any Souldier, of what quality soever, presume to breake these Agreements, or to offend contrary to the same, That every such offendor shall be severely proceeded against, according to the quality of

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his offence, that by the Exemplary punishment of some, others may be warned and deterred from committing the like, His Majesty being resolved, as on the one side, to punish those who will not be admonished, according to the due course of Iustice, so on the other side, to reward those who have and shall deserve well by their good Examples, according to their severall qualities and deservings, as soone as it shall please God to enable Him thereunto. *Given at His Majesties Court at* Oxford, *the 27 day of September, in the Nineteenth Yeare of His Majesties Raigne.* 1643.

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